

NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT

TOIHARA, Lt. General Kenji

FCC Radio Reports/ Biographical Records

May 1, 1943: Newly appointed Commander of Western Military Zone *
(* concurrently his Councillor. (Tokyo radio)

Sept. 11, 1943: Commander of the Eastern Army (Tokyo radio).

Sept. 13, 1943: Brazzaville radio (French Congo) was quoted as saying:
"The famous General Toihara is supposed to have been
recalled to Tokyo; officers more moderate in their
strategic conception have taken his place at the head
of the army". (This is believed to refer to his recall
to Tokyo after his defeat in China in 1937)

Oct. 8, 1943: Commander Western Defense Zone. (Tokyo radio)

Mar. 25, 1944: Has been appointed to a "certain important post" (see below).
Gen. Hisaichi TAKAHASHI succeeded him as Commander of the Eastern
Defense Zone I, JAPAN. (Tokyo radio)

* FCC comments that Toihara was engaged in the task of adjusting the
defensive structure which centered around Tokyo.

Feb.-March, 1944: USAF CBI, Weekly G-2 Report, JICK # C-2797:

In support of intensive evaluations on the possibility of a Japanese drive
into South China, special reference is made to the report that the notorious
and formidable Lt. Gen. Kenji TOIHARA has recently arrived in Wu-chow.
(Kwei-lin, Feb. 6, C-3 or higher). The report added almost superfluously
that "a bad situation might develop".

Toihara has long been Japan's custodian, fifth-column expert and his presence
was foreboded trouble from the time of the earliest Sino-Japanese "incident"
in 1933-1931. He was instrumental in creating and maintaining puppet organiza-
tions and in operating Japanese under-world penetration agencies, with
great success.

His Headquarters now are said to be at Fat-tien [between Wu-chow and Canton].
and his immediate purpose is organization of secret operations against
American installations and personnel in South China. However, if his work
is broader in scope and encompasses to political and espionage operations
for a Jap drive north from Canton, he will be performing chores at will. He
has become thoroughly expert.

Same report states that the Commanding general of the Japanese forces in
South China, Gen. Hisaichi TAKAHASHI, has arrived in Canton to confer with local
military authorities concerning an invasion of Free China from the South.

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